11.	J.N. Sarma	07-05-1993	01-11-2002
12	A.K. Patnaik	13-01-94	03-06-2011
13	B.N. Singh "Neelam"	16-03-1994	10-02-2001

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7044. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many Judges from outside Sikkim have been appointed as Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court on being promoted from the post of Puisne Judges since merger of Sikkim, till date;

(b) whether the posts of Puisne Judges who had been promoted as Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court had been filled up by advocates practising in Sikkim and Judicial officers of Sikkim on reciprocal basic.

(c) whether it is a fact that not a single advocate practicing in Sikkim and Judicial Officers of Sikkim have been appointed as Judges of Sikkim High Court or any other High Court since July, 1976, till date; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that at present both the Chief Justice and the only Puisne Judge are from outside the State; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As per the Government's Policy, Chief Justice of a High Court is appointed from outside the State. Accordingly, 5 Judges have been appointed from time to time as Chief Justices of Sikkim High Court from outside the State so far.

(b) and (c) One Advocate who had practised in Sikkim and had worked as Legal Adviser to the Government of Sikkim and as Advocate General of Sikkim, was appointed as a Judge of the Sikkim High Court in June, 1976 and is, at present, functioning as Chief Justice of an outside High Court. No Judicial Officer of Sikkim has so far been appointed as High Court Judge.

(d) At present, both the Chief Justice and the puisne Judge in the Sikkim High Court are from outside the State. It is for the Chief Jusitce of the High Court to assess the suitability of the members of the Bar and those of Judicial Service of the State and to recommend them in terms of Article 217(1) of the Constiuttion for appointment as High Court Judges. As and when, such persons are recommended by the State Constitutional authorities, they are considered in consultation with the Chief Justice of India for appointment as High Court Judges.

मतदाताओं के पहचान-पत्रों में एकरूपता

7045. **श्री गोविन्दराव आदिक** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चुनाव आयोग ने पहचान पत्र बनाने के लिये उसमें आकार, नाम, पिता का नाम, लिंग, पता तथा आयु आदि जैसे ब्यौरे सम्मिलित करने के लिये कतिपय दिशा-निर्देश जारी किये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार पहचान पत्रों में उपरोक्त बातों के अतिरिक्त और विवरण शामिल करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि महाराष्ट्र, हरियाणा, पंजाब आदि जैसे